

Re: Recent anti-cyclist propaganda being perpetuated on several Clear Channel Communications' (CCC) radio stations. While I certainly believe in anyone's right to free speech, recent dialogue by disc jockeys encouraging listeners to use their vehicles, especially SUVs, to run cyclists off the road and hopefully inflict injury, is the equivalent of yelling fire in a crowded movie theatre. When one uses one's right to free speech to incite bodily injury to another human being, one should lose that right to free speech.

In each incident, the stations have made half-hearted attempts to make amends once enough cyclists complained but the fact that the dialogues continue to occur on other stations imply that CCC actually condones such behavior. If they did not, I'm sure, a corporate memo and the threat of instant dismissal could and would put a stop to it.

If a company seemingly condones such behavior by its employees, it does not deserve to have a license to operate. In truth, much of what has happened is simply for publicity. But history shows us that a.) people believe what they hear on radio and read in newspapers, and b.) pranks allowed to go too far result in someone being seriously injured or killed.

Please consider this when reviewing Clear Channel Communications' license renewal request.